



BIRP TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Baltimore's Immunization Registry Program (BIRP) is a central repository and communications network for the collection and secure disclosure of patient information, including vaccination histories and other measures of public health. The Baltimore City Health Department (BCHD) maintains BIRP to aid in the surveillance and interventions needed to ensure appropriate vaccination coverage, screenings for blood lead levels and other clinical parameters, and the utilization of primary care services.

The privacy and confidentiality of BIRP records shall be in full compliance with all local, state and federal laws. Authorized users agree to the terms and conditions as defined in the following documents;

- BIRP's User Agreement
- Baltimore City Ordinance #573, "Pediatric Immunization Registry" (June 1995)
- BCHD "Regulations Governing Baltimore's Immunization Registry" (June 1997)
- BIRP's "Parent Information Brochure"
- BIRP "Opt-Out" Form
- Maryland's "Coordination of Immunization Services Act of 2001" (SB 626 - HB 1025)
- BIRP's "Policy & Procedures for Ensure Registry Privacy & Confidentiality" (March 2000)
- HIPAA Guidelines (CDC/NIP, July 2001)

The accuracy and completeness of BIRP records is dependent on healthcare provider participation.

BIRP records are electronically transcribed copies obtained from local healthcare provider reporting. Unless accompanied by healthcare provider authentication, BIRP records are never to be considered a part of the patient's legal medical record.